MR. M. DODDAIAH SETTY (Arsikere—Urban).—

Q.—149. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

The number of darkhasts received for Amrit Mahal Kaval lands and sanctioned for cultivation in the State ?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (*Rajasevaprasakta* B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

A.—The number of applications received and sanctioned 1940-41 is as under :—

District		Number received	Number sanctioned
Bangalore	...	5	1
Tumkur	...	95	43
Mysore	...	2	2
Mandya	...	9	9
Hassan	...	17	5
Kadur	...	851	419
Chitaldrug	...	92	56
Shimoga	...	...	...
Kolar	...	...	...

MR. N. G. RUDRAPPA (Shimoga—Rural).—

Q.—152. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to construct a bridge across the Bhadra river at Holehonnur in Shimoga taluk ;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in this matter so far ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of financing the scheme is under consideration.

MR. TALARI MUNISAMIAH (Mulbagal—Urban).—

Q.—153. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

Whether the municipal authorities of Mulbagal Town have brought to their notice the difficulties which the inhabitants of this town are undergoing for want of drinking water facilities ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).—

A.—The Mulbagal Town Municipal Council requested the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering to prepare a scheme of water supply to the Town. Accordingly several sources have been investigated. But the suitable source from which the supply could be made available is not yet decided. An estimate was however forwarded to the President of the Municipal Council on 11th January 1940 for Rs. 340 for testing the yield of the well in the bed of the Madhavasagara Tank. This amount has not yet been placed at the disposal of the Sanitary Engineer for conducting the experiments.

MR. J. S. KALLAPPA (Jagalur—Rural).—

Q.—161. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that Jagalur Taluk, being a *maidan* land, the average rainfall here does not exceed 20-23 inches every year, and even this much of rain does not fall in some years ; so much so, that the Government tanks in these parts will not be filled up every year and it has been found not possible to cultivate wet and